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Understanding the Standard of Care By Stephen D. Ryan, PT, DPT

One of the Board's missions in protecting the public is making certain that standards of care are adhered to in the delivery of physical therapy services to the citizens of Maryland. The Board has had to adjudicate many cases where the standard of care was in question. Several of the cases have arisen from issues regarding the appropriate environment for the patient to receive safe and effective treatment and several others from the clinical judgments, or lack thereof, of the licensee. The Maryland Physical Therapy Practice Act lavs out some minimum criteria in order to adhere to the standard of care and is frequently used as the basis for deciding whether to pursue disciplinary action against

Licensing practitioners via national and state examinations, continuing education requirements to maintain technical compe-

a licensee.

tency, and the laws and regulations stipulated in the Practice Act form the bedrock of the standard of care to be applied by Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. As healthcare professionals, practitioners should strive to exceed the standard of care by insuring the high quality of their practice. This is no easy task given the fiduciary restraints imposed in many practice settings.

In spite of this the Physical Therapist's role seems to continue to grow in the present health care environment. There are several reasons for this which also bear on establishing the standard of care. First, we are one of the few professions remaining where the practitioner actually spends significant time with the patient. Adequate time with the patient has to be spent to insure the patient has the opportunity to attain the benefits and

the rehabilitative goals for which they are receiving physical therapy. Second, the Physical Therapist or the PT Assistant, should be providing services for and to the patient that they cannot be doing for themselves. In other words, there should always be interaction between the practitioner and the patient during the session - hands-on therapy by the therapist, patient education, appropriate exercises and supervision. Many consumers are still not sure what physical therapy is and what it can do for them so every new patient is an opportunity. or should be, to demonstrate the benefits of our profession.



Executive Director Remarks By Ann Tyminski

We bid farewell to Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Board Chairperson who has served on the Board since June, 2002. She has served as Board Chairperson from June 2003 -May 2010. Ms. Rodgers' leadership skills were a definite asset to the Board and to the profession of physical therapy. She often testified in the Maryland General Assembly in support of physical therapy bills and in opposition to bills that could have negatively impacted the practice of physical therapy. Her expertise and views on appropriate scope of practice and appropriate disciplinary actions were evident during her tenure. We thank Margery for her years of service dedication to her profession.

The Board of Physical Therapy welcomes its newest staff member, John Bull, who is an investigator for the Board. He is retired from the Anne Arundel police department, served with Maryland Transit Authority Police unit, and was hired by the Physical Therapy Board to investigate its complaints. He has been with the Board the possibility of being reappointed by the since February 2010, is an expert investiga-

tor, and has been helping to reduce the backlog of cases. He has already taken the first course of the National Investigator's Certification Training sponsored by CLEAR.

Lori Mizell, PT was reappointed to the Board by the Governor in June 2010. She was first appointed in June, 2006 and has been reappointed for another four-year term. Lori is valued for her expertise in hospital-based practice and her reasoned and thoughtful decisions.

Shirley Leeper, PTA, who has served on the Board for seven years, was elected as Chairperson of the Board in May, 2010. She has taken on her duties with enthusiasm. Early in June she represented the Board at a meeting of physical therapists at University of Maryland Medical Center for discussions on the role and scope of practice of physical therapist assistants. In July she traveled to Allegany College to address the graduating PTA students.

A hearty welcome is extended to Crystal Lighty, PT, who has been appointed to the Board to replace Margery Rodgers, PT. Her term extends to June 1, 2014 with Governor for another four years. Ms. Lighty

practices in the Rehabilitation Services Department of University of Maryland Medical Center.

The Board has had a busy year. It has conducted its mandated review of regulations and lobbied for changes in the Practice Act by presenting a bill that failed in the 2011 session. The Board has voted to resubmit the bill as passed by the House with the hope that the Senate will agree to the provisions in the 2012 session. This bill will include the word, "interventions" in the definition of physical therapy; will allow the Board to contact its licensees electronically; and will remove the long-standing prohibition against licensees using x-rays in the

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practice of physical therapy. The removal of this language was a sticking point in the Senate as there was opposition from the Chiropractic Association. Optimal physical therapy care includes the use of x-rays and x-ray reports by physical therapists to ascertain appropriate treatment and as a teaching tool for patients. The American Physical Therapy Association is in support of removing this prohibition from the PT Act.

The Acupuncture Board requested an attorney general's opinion as to whether or not invasive procedures, specifically dry needling, can be considered within the scope of physical therapy practice. As of this writing, no opinion has been forthcoming. The Board and APTA sent documents to support the view that certain invasive procedures are within the scope of practice of physical therapy.

Legislative Services conducted a preliminary Sunset Review of the Board, its activities and operations during 2010 fiscal year. The Board passed this review with no significant problems. A bill was introduced and passed in the 2010 session to extend the Board through 2021. However, there are certain tasks to be accomplished by the Board with a report to the Legislature by October 1, 2011. (1) The Board is to report its financial status for 2010 and 2011. (2) The Board is to report its findings and activities related to the practice of physical therapy by chiropractors. (3) The Board is to review and report the status of its review of its authority to penalize physical therapy practice owners or operators who are not licensed by the Board including any recommendations for statutory changes. (4) The Board is to present an analysis of delays in the complaint resolution process. (5) The report is also to include options or actions taken by the Board or Department of Health & Mental Hygiene relative to office configurations to enhance the ability of the health occupations boards to maintain confidentiality.

Because of general fiscal problems for all State Agencies, the Board staff is tightening its budget request. Addition-

ally, the Board has agreed to an increase in renewal fees of \$300 for PTAs and \$350 for PTs for a two-year period commencing with the 2011 renewal period.

Margery Rodgers, Ann Tyminski and Board Counsel met with representatives of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to discuss the licensure process for certain Chiropractors with the right to practice physical therapy under the Chiropractic Act. This discussion included complaints against such individuals and the physical therapy education. The Chiropractic representatives indicated that there have been no complaints against Chiropractors related to physical therapy since the

Legislature gave certain Chiropractors to practice physical therapy in conjunction with their chiropractic treatments. This right was legislated in 1947. The two groups decided that future discussion meetings will be helpful.

The Board is studying the complaint resolution issue and will report its findings.

The Board is housed in a secure environment and has requested bids to configure a more secure doorway access between the PT Board offices and the Chiropractic Board.

The practice of physical therapy by unlicensed individuals continues to be a problem that the Board staff and Board members are addressing. Reminder to Licensees: COMAR 10.38.02.01 F of the Code of Ethics states "The physical therapist and physical therapist assistant shall report to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners all information that indicates a person is allegedly performing or aiding and abetting the illegal or unsafe practice of physical therapy."

Two bills passed in the 2010 Legislative Session require certain changes in all Health Occupations Boards disciplinary processes. The Board has appointed an ad hoc committee to work on appropriate process changes.

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director reports that the Board renewed 2,838 licenses from March to May 31, 2010. As usual, a group of licensees neglected to

renew and arrived at the Board offices early in June to reinstate their licenses. Others who failed to renew were found to have continued practicing. The Board considers their issues on a case by case basis. At this writing, the Board is handling the applications of new graduates as expeditiously as possible.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, the entity that owns the national physical therapy examinations, abruptly stopped allowing graduates of programs in Egypt, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines to sit for the national licensure examination due to breaches in security of the exam by candidates from those countries. The staff is handling a multitude of telephone calls from applicants affected by this situation.

In closing, it is a pleasure to serve the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, its licensees, and the citizens of Maryland as the Executive Director of this essential State Agency. My job could not be performed without the dedication of the Board members and staff, Joy Aaron, Deputy Director; Patricia Miller, Licensing Administrator; Sandra Kurland, Office Secretary III; and Deborah Jackson, Office Secretary II whose primary function is the licensure unit. In the investigative/ disciplinary unit we are supported by Ernest Bures, Compliance Manager and John Bull, Investigator who ably carry out the Board's investigations and follow compliance with terms of orders issued by the Board. Linda Bethman, Assistant Attorney General and Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney serve as counsel to the Board. Their advice and helpfulnees to the Board is also essential to the Board activities.

ATTENTION LICENSEES:

WHEN YOU SEND IN THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS CARD. PLEASE SEPARATE IT FROM YOUR WALLET LICENSE. KEEP THE WALLET LICENSE. THAT IS TO BE SHOWN WHEN PATIENTS CANNOT SEE THE LICENSE HUNG ON THE WALL OF YOUR PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT LOCATION.

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PTA SCOPE OF PRACTICE

By Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Chairperson

There has been an increase in the number of questions and complaints from licensees regarding the roles of the PT and PTA and their relationship in caring for the citizens of Maryland. This article is designed to be informational to the licensees and is an attempt to impress upon all licensees that they must adhere to the law to avoid disciplinary action.

1) It is not within the scope of practice of the physical therapist assistant to initiate any treatment or intervention until the patient or client has been evaluated by the physical therapist and a physical therapy diagnosis as well as a plan of care has been written by the physical therapist. Please see COMAR 10.38.03.02B Standards of Practice for Physical Therapist Assistants.

10.38.03.02B(1) The physical therapist assistant shall:

(a) Follow the direction and plan of care of the physical therapist in the treatment of a patient; and,

10.38.03.02B (3) The physical therapist assistant may not initiate treatment until:

- (a) The patient has been evaluated and the plan of care has been developed by a physical therapist; and,
- (b) A supervising physical therapist has been assigned to the physical therapist assistant.
- 2) The physical therapist assistant works under the direction of the PT. You are referred to Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Title 13, Section 310 - Scope of physical therapist assistant license.
 - (a) In general. Subject to subsection (b) of this section, a physical therapist assistant license authorizes the licensee to practice limited physical therapy while the license is effec-
 - (b) Supervision required. A licensed physical therapist assistant may practice limited physical therapy only under the direction of a licensed physical therapist who gives ongoing supervision and instruction that is adequate to ensure the safety and welfare of the patient.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the physical therapist to change or update the patient/client's plan of care including goals. It is not within the purview of limited physical therapy (PTA practice) to make changes in the plan of care or goals. If, however, a physical therapist assistant feels there is a need to change or update goals, a discussion must take place between the PT and PTA. If the PT agrees to a change, it is the PT who makes the changes. Both the PT and the PTA must document such discussion. See COMAR 10.38.03.02A(2)(1). The physical therapist shall document ongoing communication with the physical therapist assistant regarding changes in a patient's status and treatment plan; and COMAR 10.38.03.02B(1)(g) The physical therapist assistant shall document ongoing communication regarding changes in a patient's status and treatment authorized by the physical therapist.
- (4) Re-evaluations are performed by the physical therapist. Each patient/client needs to be re-evaluated as the patient's condition requires, but at least every 30 days by the PT. The PT must see the patient and

perform an appropriate re-evaluation. See COMAR 10.38.03.02(A)(2)(g) - The physical therapist shall re-evaluate the patient as the patient's condition requires, but at least every 30 days, unless the physical therapist, consistent with accepted standards of physical therapy care, documents in the treatment record an appropriate rationale for not re-evaluating the

You are also referred to COMAR 10.38.03.02-1(3) The physical therapist shall document legibly in the patient's chart each time the patient is seen for: Reevaluation, by including the following information in the report, which may be in combination with visit note, if treated during the same

- (a) Date;
- (b) Number of treatments since the initial evaluation of last reevaluation:
- (c) Reevaluation, tests, and measurements of areas of body treated:
- (d) Changes from previous objective findings;
- (e) Interpretation of results;
- (f) Goals met or not met and reasons;
- (g) Updated goals;
- (h) Updated plan of care including recommendations for follow-up; and
- (i) Signature, title (PT) and license number.
- (5) The discharge summary is written by the physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant may provide treatment on the final visit. However, the PT must write the discharge summary. See COMAR 10.38.03.02-1(4) Discharge by including the following information in the discharge summary, which may be combined with the final visit note, if seen by the physical therapist on the final visit and written by the physical therapist:
 - (a) Date:
 - (b) Reason for discharge;
 - (c) Objective status;
 - (d) Recommendations for follow-up; and
 - (e) Signature, title (PT) and license number.

In summary, the physical therapist assistant never performs evaluations, never changes the plan of care, never updates goals, never changes the goals, never writes the discharge summary. The PT must perform these tasks. The PTA always works under the direction of the supervising PT. The PTA must always know who is assigned as the supervising PT. The physical therapist is in charge of the patient care. The PTA assists the PT by carrying out the treatments or interventions as outlined by the PT in the plan of care. It is good practice for the PT and PTA to have a discussion about the treatment plan prior to the PTA commencing treatment, especially if the patient has complicated issues or if the PT has little knowledge of the PTA's competency.

Questions, anyone? If so, please submit them to the Board office clearly in writing. FAX # 410-358-1183. The question will be taken to the next Board meeting following receipt of the question, a written answer will be forthcoming from the Board.

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Board Meetings

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June 15, 2010

July 20, 2010 August 17, 2010 September 21, 2010 October 19, 2010 November 16, 2010 December 21, 2010

The Open Session of the Board meeting is open to the public.

The meetings are held at 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, Md. 21215 Room #110 at 1:00 p.m.

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